

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-10 and 12-15 are present in this application. Claims 39-41 are cancelled by way of the present amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 3-10 and 12-15 were allowed and claims 39-41 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of these claims. In response to the requirement, claims 39-41 are canceled and will be pursued in a divisional application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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